

Southborough. Nov<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1798 —

Rec<sup>d</sup>. of Ezra Taylor Treasurer for said Town  
two Dollars in part for my services sup-  
plying the pulpit in Southbor<sup>o</sup> —

P2-c —      W<sup>m</sup>. Jacobson Parker

Jacob<sup>r</sup>. Parker  
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July 7. ~~note given to Mr. P~~ for 25 dollars  
~~to pay to Green~~

Southborough Dec. 21. 1798.

Then received of Ezra Taylor trea-  
surer for Southborough, six dollars, in  
part for supplying the pulpit in said  
town. Recd by me Jeremiah Parker  
Jb. —



Jerob<sup>m</sup> Parker's  
Receipt

N<sup>o</sup> 6

Settled.

Southborough June 14. 1799

To M<sup>r</sup> Abner Parker town  
treasurer, or his successor in office.

We the subscribers certify  
that there is due to Jeroboam Parker  
for supplying the pulpit in said  
town to the above date one hun-  
dred and sixteen dollars.

\$116-

Hezekiah Fay

Edmund Chamberlain

Heman Fay



Wilmington 9th 1799

Have received the contents of the  
within certificate  
Jerobam Parker

Jerobam  
Parker  
Certificate

NO 11

Edm.



Worcester f<sup>t</sup> Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In Town Meeting in Southborough, in S. D. County,  
The Ch. h. of Christ with the Inhabitants of said  
Town being legally assembled upon adjournment  
May ye 6<sup>th</sup> A. 1799 - and acting jointly in Christi-  
-an Union, have made choice of Mr Jereboam  
Parker of said Town and County. In A most serious  
and solemn manner, Invite and call the said  
Jereboam Parker to settle in the work of the  
gospel Ministry of Jesus Christ in said South-  
-borough and in holy solemn and Godly man-  
-ers and candour in the capacity of A Gospel Pre-  
-acher and Minister of Jesus Christ, to take the charge  
of and over said Church and people in S. D. South-  
-borough in the Lord, and in the Office of A  
gospel Minister the Grace of God enabling  
him to discharge the Various duties of A Faith-  
-ful Minister of the Gospel according to the Ru-  
-les laid down in the holy Scriptures of the Old  
and new Testament

And for a Reward for said Service in the work  
of the Ministry. We agree and engage to give  
him Three Hundred Dollars for A Settlement &  
Eighty Pounds Salary yearly. The Settlement  
to be paid fifty Pounds A year without Interest

By order of the Committee

Azekeiah Fay Chur  
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Southborough April ye 22<sup>d</sup> 1799

A True Copy of the Original  
Trow, C Taylor Town Clerk



Copy of Mr Parkers

Call ———

1799 ———



Southborough October 30<sup>th</sup> 1799

The Committee Chosen by the Town for  
to provide for the Counsell at the ordination  
-on of the Rev<sup>t</sup> Jeroboam Parker. To me  
the subscriber att<sup>d</sup> for Vitting and atten-  
-dence on said Counsell Consisting of twen-  
-ty five members at 75<sup>c</sup> each - 18 - 75<sup>c</sup>

and also prays allowance for Vitting and  
waighting on ten of the wives and handmaids  
brought by the Counsell att<sup>d</sup> each 6<sup>c</sup> 66<sup>c</sup>  
also Vitting and attending to  
five of the Neighbouring ministers  
on ordination day att 6<sup>c</sup> each 3 - 34<sup>c</sup>  
Casting Williams

18 : 75<sup>c</sup>  
6 : 66<sup>c</sup>  
3 : 34<sup>c</sup>  
\$ 28 : 75<sup>c</sup>



To Abner Parker Town Treasurer or Successor in  
Said Office, Sir, Please to pay to Colling Williams  
or order, Twenty eight dollars and Seventy  
five Cents (it being for the purpose within Men-  
tioned) and his Receipt shall be your discharge for  
so much, —————

Southborough January 6<sup>th</sup> 1800 — } Selectmen  
and the Contence }  
Colling Williams }  
Isaac Bridge Taylor }  
Elijah Brigham }  
Timothy Bellows } of Southborough

\$28-75



Southborough December 24<sup>th</sup> 1806  
Recd. of Abner Parker Treasurer for said Town  
two hundred sixty and six dollars and sixty  
seven cents in full of my salary for the  
year past said year ending the 9th octo<sup>r</sup>  
last past. Recd. by me. Jacobean Parker

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Receipt from  
Rev. Jeroboam  
Parker &  
No 44  
Settled



Brothers & Friends of this Church  
& Congregation,

It is with reluctance that I call your attention to a subject which can be no less disagreeable to my feelings than it may be to yours. A subject which would never have been mentioned by me, had I not been urged by necessity, & a sense of duty under present existing circumstances. A subject, which however unpleasant, I hope, will not interrupt your devotions or enjoyments, on the present occasion.

Under that providence, which assigneth unto man the bounds of his habitation, I have been called to fix my residence among you, & to lead in the public religious exercises in this place. When I reflect upon time past with you in the work of the ministry, I hope, I am not insensible to any favors, or to any expressions of confidence, kindness or respect, which I have received from this society, or from any individuals in this society. I have reason to bless God for the peace, order, & harmony which have generally marked your proceedings, during my residence among you. I have special reason to recognise that gracious providence, which has sustained me in the most trying scenes & changes of my life, & in all the difficulties & discouragements which arise from a sense of my own unworthiness, & inability to



discharge the duties of an office the most solemn & important.

But in addition to those difficulties & discouragements which are peculiar to the work of the ministry, there are others, under which I have labored, which result from the peculiar circumstances in which I am placed.

Knowing the difficulties which have, not unfrequently arisen in consequence of applications for additions to stated salaries, I have indulged the hope, that I should never be under the disagreeable necessity of troubling you with a request of that nature, or with a recital of my circumstances. Were it possible for me with my present resources, or even with a life sum than I now receive to support myself & family & attend to the duties of my station, I should not have addressed you on the present occasion. But unhappy experience has taught me that the sum which I annually receive, as a compensation for my services, is not now sufficient to procure the necessaries of life, much less to enable me to discharge the duties of my office without embarrassment.

Under these circumstances, can I expect to be able to meet the necessary expenses of my family, & discharge, without disposing of my property, the obligations & demands held against me, which, the present month amounted to more than one thousand dollars, more than



what is due to me on any obligation?

After having spent about twelve years of the prime of my life in this place, under these difficulties & discouragements. After having submitted to the experiment, whether I could live upon a sum which experience has taught me, is little more than one half of what would be necessary to support the character & to discharge the duties of my station, & without the prospect of providing for the future exigencies of my family. — After this, I say, your candor, I presume, will not permit you to believe, that what I say, is dictated by motives of avarice, or an ambition to obtain the great things of this world. I know that man's life does not consist in the abundance he possesses; that whether we have little or much, in the present world, it will soon pass away, & is of little consequence, when compared with those things which are of infinite importance.

But under the disadvantages with which I have labored, could it be possible for me to make those improvements which every person in my station, ought to be ambitious to make, or to furnish myself with those assistances which under divine influence might enable me to discharge the duties of my office in a manner, more useful & satisfactory to you, & more agreeable to myself? If I have any regard to



the present or future circumstances  
of my family, — If I have any regard  
to your immortal interest, or the in-  
terest of your children, — If I have  
any sense of my responsibility to  
the Judge of all for the manner in  
which I fulfil the work, assigned me,  
— If I have any sense of these things,  
must not my feelings be deeply in-  
terested, when the time I might to  
devote to study & preparation is ne-  
cessarily interrupted by avocations, &  
my mind perplexed with cares which  
are the consequence of the situation  
in which I am placed?

But, as I presume, that I am  
addressing myself to persons of rea-  
son & reflection, I shall not longer  
detain you, but appeal to your  
reason, your candor, & generosity.

Jeroboam Parker

Southborough Novemb<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1811.



Southborough November 14, 1799

To Mr Abner Parker, treasurer for  
Southborough,

This certifies that there is  
due to the Rev. Aaron Parker one hundred  
and twenty dollar, for supplying the  
pulpit in said town from the twenty  
third of June last to his ordination  
fifteen sabbaths. Hezekiah Fay

\$20.00

Emund Chamberlain

Heman Fay



of Abner Parker  
Recd. Sixteen dollars and fifty cents in part  
of the within certificate.  
Jeroboam Parker

January 30<sup>th</sup> 1800 Recd. the contents of the within  
Certificate in full.  
Jeroboam Parker

Recd. Jeroboam Parker's  
Certificate.

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